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Project Bergwall

A multi-million dollar renovation project will impact all residents

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A \$2.5 million project will transform the internal and external facade of Bergwall Hall. In summer 2017, Bergwall will undergo a comprehensive renovation, replacing all

but seven individual bathrooms and expanding room sizes in addition to a long list of functional and aesthetic changes.

Bergwall Hall Director Kate Austin sees the need for the changes. “Bergwall is a wonderful place,” Austin said, “but it’s a little rough around the edges.”

Ron Sutherland, vice president of business administration, said conversations started in 2014 regarding the

scope of the Bergwall project. However, the formal review of the options for renovation began in 2015 when Austin and Director of Residence Life Scott Barrett got involved.

The university has a fund for building updates, which has increased due to accumulating funds in the past few years. With the ongoing septic system problems in Bergwall, this project has become the university’s priority for the building fund. The proposal for

changes to Bergwall has, according to Barrett and Austin, been pushed back due to financial constraints for several years. Recently, the Board of Trustees approved the plan.

Facilities and student development staff as well as President Lowell Haines have provided input and insight regarding the project and overall changes to the dorm. Barrett says that these decisions were collaboratively made.

Wednesday evening, Austin and Barrett led a meeting in Alspaugh to inform current Bergwall residents of the upcoming changes.

Barrett and Austin hope the renovations are more student-friendly, transitioning Bergwall from a hotel setup to a traditional residence hall. The majority of the changes should be implemented by August 2017.

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The lights go on

This is the first in a series of four articles researching environmental sustainability on campus. Topics include electricity, water, food and material waste.

Taylor’s administration pursues sustainable electricity practices, though the rest of campus has room to grow

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Taylor’s energy conservation efforts

Taylor has taken great efforts to reduce its electricity usage. The administration replaced many electricity-guzzling incandescent lights with energy-efficient LED bulbs. Energy-efficient washers and dryers whirl away deep within residence halls, and the campus’ more than 180 hand dryers save an enormous amount of paper towel waste.

But these energy-efficient hand dryers generate an enormous amount of noise pollution—prodding some students to nickname them “the conversation killers.” Junior Caleb Grubb lives right next to the restrooms on his floor in first Breuninger.

“I think that’s an appropriate tradeoff, for sure,” Grubb said. “I would much rather have to put a 10-second hold on a conversation, than (have) the environmental impact.”

When Grubb lived in Gerig, his PA asked the floor not to use the hand dryers during quiet hours and set out reusable hand towels to use instead. Though he lived at the end of the hall, he would often hear hand dryers roaring from the restroom in the middle of the night.

“I do acknowledge that they can be loud, especially in a restroom,” Facilities Services Director Greg Eley said. “Facilities Services continues to evaluate new designs as they come to market, and once we find something that has lower decibels, we will recommend upgrading existing units.”

The university purchased and installed noise reduction nozzles for most of the units. These add-ons quiet the dryer noise by 9 decibels, which is about as loud as someone breathing or a pin dropping.

Just to the east of Olson Hall, the Olson twins stand proud and tall. The energy they generate helps offset Euler’s electricity bill, but it doesn’t come close to covering the entire total. The amount of Euler’s electricity usage they offset varies greatly from month to month—2 percent this September and 10.4 percent in January. They cost \$700,000 to install and they don’t run if the wind speed creeps over 56 mph.

The twins are just one element of Euler’s LEED gold certification, the international standard of resource-efficient building design. Euler uses many energy-saving techniques, including an open-loop geothermal system to cool the building. Breuninger Hall also takes advantage of geothermal technology, but it uses a closed-loop system that takes care of both heating and cooling for the dorm.

Compared to 964 kWh, the average monthly energy usage of a household in Indiana, Taylor’s dorms use a fair energy usage per resident (see graphic). The only residence hall sticking above the 964 kWh average is the Haak. And it isn’t because the Haak’s residents hate the environment. Only a handful of people live in The Haak, inflating the per-resident averages.

Taylor uses one of the 10 largest energy utility companies in America—the American Electric Power Company (AEP). The company Taylor chose has a good environmental track record. Since 2000, AEP has cut its carbon dioxide emissions 39 percent, according to its website. But, at 63.2 percent, its largest source of energy generation is coal.

Why conserve energy?

In an election season where making a difference with one’s vote seems impossible, reducing electricity usage may also seem like an elusive goal. People may feel helpless against the tidal wave of climate change. But there are several simple ways people (even college students) can take care of the little pieces of environment around them.

“When you start to practice a certain action, even if you’re not making a huge dent, there’s a mindset change that happens,” said Armila Francis (’12), visiting instructor of sustainable development. “The actions may be small, but the concept and the mindset behind it are big.”

As claims of climate change plant seeds of doom and gloom in some people’s hearts, they wonder what facts to trust. Sixty-four percent of Americans admitted they were worried a “great deal” or “fair amount” about climate change, according to a March 2016 Gallup poll. Regardless of how changes in our environment affect us, Francis said, we should recognize the earth has intrinsic value apart from what we can gain from it.

What we can do

Students, faculty and staff can contribute by reducing their personal electricity usage. Here are three main ways the Taylor community can help:

1. Turn off the lights

Using energy-efficient lights and appliances sometimes makes people feel like they can use more energy, Francis said. But people may end up actually using more energy than they did before they made the switch. In five empty suites surveyed in English, 17 lights were left on with nobody using them.

2. Use less heat

Heat is one of the biggest energy drains, clocking in at 22 percent of an average household’s consumption, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. This number includes hair dryers and clothes dryers too. In those blustery winter months, consider bundling up instead of cranking up the heat.

3. Reduce vampire power

Vampire power, or standby power, is the electricity that leaks out through devices even when they’re switched off or in standby mode. A simple way to solve this is by plugging several devices into a single electric strip and switching off the strip when the devices don’t need to charge.

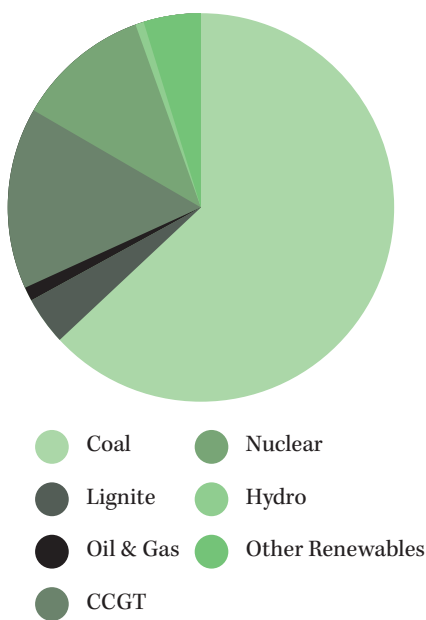
What Now?

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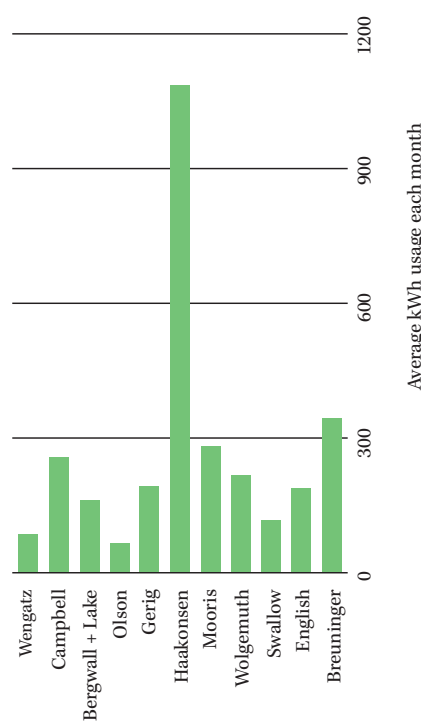
Though America does not host a large population, and Taylor’s community is even smaller, according to Francis, we have a large amount of affluence and responsibility.

Sources: Andrew Baird (wind-mills), Greg Eley (maintenance, utility and general information), Lori Slater (number of dorm residents), Cora Starke (suite survey)
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Taylor Energy Use



Average monthly kWh usage by resident



the Headlines

Behind

An in-depth analysis of international affairs

Philippine politics reflect their controversial leader

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Contributor

It seems as though many Americans only notice the Philippines when they are thinking about going on a mission trip, but recent developments on the Southeast Asian archipelago are bringing the country into the international spotlight. President Rodrigo Duterte has only been in office for five months, but he has already made headlines for his crackdown on drugs and his insistence that the Philippines break away from the U.S. and align more closely with China, according to Reuters. Loved by Filipinos but criticized by world leaders, Duterte appears determined to write his own chapter in the history of the country he leads.

The Philippines were colonized by Spain but annexed by the United States in 1898 after the Spanish-American War. Despite hints that the United States would support Filipino independence, Washington spent its first two years directly controlling the archipelago, snuffing out an insurgency. The Philippines continued to be under American control until 1946

and has been a staunch U.S. ally since. Around the time the Philippines was granted independence, Rodrigo Duterte was born in the southern part of the country. Trefor Moss of The Wall Street Journal notes that as a young man, he was known for his short temper and willingness to get into fights; he developed a fierce dislike for the United States as well as traditional Filipino elites, qualities that would come to define his politics.

He was elected mayor of Davao City, his hometown, in 1988 and held the position intermittently until 2016. Several years before he took office, “Asiaweek” magazine labeled Davao City “Murder City,” and Duterte began an aggressive campaign—notable for the extrajudicial violence perpetrated by “death squads”—to clean up the city. Despite the alleged human rights violations, Duterte’s policies were successful, and today, Davao City is one of the safest in the Philippines according to the website Numbeo.

Riding waves of popular support for his tough talk about cleaning up the country, Duterte was elected



“Duterte joins other ASEAN heads of state, holding hands as a symbol of unity, Vientiane, Laos, September 7, 2016,” according to the Presidential Communications Operations Office.



“President Duterte reviews honor guards at Air Force City in Clark Field, Pampanga,” July 7, 2016, according to the Philippine Star.

president in May. Since taking office in June, roughly 2,300 suspected drug dealers and addicts have been killed by police and vigilante groups. Rather than risk death, thousands have turned themselves in, straining the country’s limited drug rehabilitation resources.

President Obama and other international leaders have spoken out against this extrajudicial violence, but their protests have been met with stubborn resolve and virulent tirades from Duterte. Much of the campaign has targeted impoverished peoples and areas, and recently Duterte’s

administration signaled a change in its approach: focusing on arresting rather than killing suspected drug users and locking up more government officials and upper class Filipinos who have often been seen as immune to punishment.

The Filipino president’s unorthodox political style is also seen in his foreign policy. In a recent state visit to China, Duterte declared his intention to end the close relationship his country has had with the United States in favor of one with China and Russia. He also announced that joint military exercises between the United States

and the Philippines, a long-standing tradition, will be stopped and that the American troops stationed in his country will need to leave within two years.

This move could have a number of far-reaching effects regarding stability in Southeast Asia. Since 2012, China has increasingly asserted sovereignty over much of the South China Sea, waters that are also claimed by the Philippines and several other nations, even creating artificial islands in the contested areas. Most of the world’s shipping flows through these waters, and beneath the seabed is an abundance of natural resources; control of this area could prove incredibly advantageous in an international conflict according to the Council of Foreign Relations.

The Permanent Court of Arbitration recently deemed this expansion illegal after the Philippines filed a suit contesting it. But, as Foreign Policy reports, if Duterte decides to align himself with China, the United States will lose a vital ally in the fight against this expansion.

Rodrigo Duterte has wasted little time shaking up Filipino politics, and his actions could significantly impact the international community. His violent war on drugs could be seen as a model by other authoritarian leaders seeking to rid their countries of various problems, and his foreign policy changes have the potential to alter the balance of power in the region and beyond, giving China a stepping-stone on which to continue their global ascendancy.

It is too early to tell if these policies will prove to be effective or if they will be undone by his successors, but for now, Rodrigo Duterte is quickly emerging as one of the most controversial leaders in the world, and the international community is anxiously awaiting his next move.

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employee Terrell Gramling served for many years in the residence hall. According to Barrett, Gramling believed the past academic year (2015–16) was the worst year the Bergwall facilities faced since opening in 1989 due to the increase in bathroom maintenance.

“Taylor Swift was born in 1989,” Austin said. “Her entire life, Bergwall has had no updates.”

Some students are not as enthused. Groans reverberated and visible frustration gripped the faces of several residents during the meeting. Some students are frustrated over the loss of individual bathrooms. Other students are concerned about transition of rooms from doubles to triples.

Barrett and Austin understand that all residents are impacted. They want to work with students and are willing to hear concerns.

Austin and Barrett believe the changes are both practical and philosophical. In its 27-year existence, Bergwall’s facilities deteriorated quickly. Barrett hopes that post-project, the decrease in maintenance issues will be significant. According to Barrett, over the past few years, there have been numerous plumbing leaks.

“Facilities Services has worked valiantly to stay on top of these issues, but the age of the building and bathrooms has created significant problems that only a full renovation can solve,” Barrett said.

Barrett also sees the practicality of bathroom cleanliness. The new community bathrooms will be cleaned daily whereas the existing individual bathrooms are cleaned twice a semester by a Taylor Housekeeper while the residents are supposed to clean the rest of the time.

The new community bathrooms will be located mid-hallway on each floor. Each will include five showers, six toilets and six sinks. The new bathrooms will replace two dorm rooms per floor.

Seven rooms will remain with individual bathrooms to accommodate students in partnership with the Academic Enrichment Center (AEC). Eligibility for the rooms are reserved for students with specific needs. Such individuals must present proper documentation through the disability coordinator. The AEC will make the



Photograph by Mindy Wildman

The external facade will feature glass panels outside of the lounge windows.

final decision regarding who receives such rooms.

The existing individual bathrooms and built-in closets in the 29 doubles and 49 triples will be removed. The additional 65 newly formed triples will expand into 306 sq. foot rooms.

Sophomore Micah Winters believes the changes to Bergwall are for the better. Winters currently lives in a two-man room and will have to find a third roommate. However, he is excited to gain space after the current bathrooms and closets are taken out.

“It will be interesting to see how the Bergwall culture is affected through this change,” Winters said. “I hope that people are willing to embrace it—we don’t have a choice, after all—and that the positive outcomes hoped for will come to fruition.”

Junior Cristina Spear agrees, seeing

community bathrooms and additional expanded community spaces as a culture-changer in Bergwall. She is excited to see people from her floor at the beginning and end of each day.

Thirteen rooms are expected to be influenced in some way by construction. Current residents of those rooms who wish to remain in Bergwall and squat a room will be given first preference on a different room within Bergwall. Austin will help students during the squatting process to choose new rooms if necessary. In addition, each room will be fitted with new carpet, paint and lighting. The hallways will also be expanded.

Without a third roommate, residents cannot squat a room. If there are remaining rooms after completed trios have claimed their rooms, roommates without a third person

can squat a room. Empty spots will most likely be filled by transfer students or those returning from a study abroad program.

Austin does not want the changes to start housing scrambles or “roomie DTRs” causing undue anxiety. “If you live in Bergwall now,” Austin said, “we still want you to live in Bergwall.” With room squatting ending in mid-April, Austin believes students have plenty of time to have such conversations at a later date.

In addition to bathroom renovations, Bergwall will receive multiple functional and aesthetic changes. The first floor will receive a lounge and full kitchen. Large glass panels will appear on the front of floor lounges, allowing natural light to pour in. All floors will receive expanded hallways.

Outside, the patio will be expanded,

including a revitalized front porch with a new residence hall main entrance on the north side of the building. The front desk and mailboxes may be moved, but details are still being finalized.

Barrett believes the investment made in Bergwall will improve the quality of life for residents. “Better community spaces to build and grow relationships as well as increased opportunities for interaction are always healthy,” Barrett said. “Aesthetically, more natural lighting and new finishes will help Bergwall to feel significantly different. Adding a kitchen to the first floor will help to meet a need for residents as well as providing communal gathering space.”

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The four Rs of education



indiana teacher of the year, Jean Russell, spoke at Taylor yesterday.

Photograph by Hannah Boldt

More than reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic

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On Thursday, Oct. 27, over 100 students filled the seats of the Cornwall Auditorium to hear from 2016 Indiana Teacher of the Year Jean Russell. Russell works alongside teachers as a literacy coach for students in kindergarten through fifth grade at Haverhill Elementary. This year, Russell is touring Indiana to offer tips and encouragement to the education community as part of the Indiana Department of Education's goal to "inspire, rejuvenate and celebrate the teaching profession."

In her presentation at Taylor, Russell encouraged students to discover their core beliefs and use them to direct their daily actions. She also shared the four core beliefs that influence her work as an educator.

Relationships

"Love them first," Russell said. Loving students allows for better learner engagement. Russell advocated for unconditional love for learners of all ages, even after high school.

Readiness

Russell suggested that students reflect on this question when faced with career decisions: Is this going to put me in a position where I will be ready to do what I need to do? Planning is also important to Russell; it gives the planner the ability to focus on the moment, rather than what needs to be done next. "When we (plan), we allow ourselves the gift of being completely present," Russell said.

Reflection

For Russell, reflection is an important factor in determining her next step. She reflects with other teachers about what happened in their classes that day and how they can learn from those experiences to teach more effectively the next day. "That is the goal of reflectiveness," Russell said, "ending up in a place that is better than before."

Reaching out

Russell encouraged students to overcome their fear of asking for help from those who have more experience, even as students gain more insight themselves. "Reaching out is something we should never stop doing, because iron sharpens iron, and that's how we get better every day," Russell said.

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Fixing ugly

Former Taylor athletes give wire dog kennels a makeover

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Contributor

Taylor alumni Brody ('11) and Bethany ('12) Rathman love their dogs, but they never expected a homemade dog kennel to change the course of their entire careers. The couple moved to Colorado soon after completing college and are co-founders of their business, B&B Kustom Kennels.

Their story began last October. "My husband and I were looking for a kennel for our labradoodles," Bethany said. "When we couldn't find anything we liked, we decided to make our own." The couple then bought supplies and began the project. "We wanted it to look modern, like furniture, because wired kennels are so ugly," Bethany said.

The project took around a month, when a friend noticed their creativity. "Our friend got in touch and asked if we would make a kennel for her. When we did, she took a picture and posted it on Facebook. We also put a picture on Facebook," Bethany said. The photo was shared 66,000 times, reaching over 7 million people.

As the picture was shared and word of their customized kennels spread, the Rathmans were presented with a possible business opportunity as they received global inquiries about the kennels. When the photograph went viral the week of Christmas, they had nothing more than a Facebook page and an email address, created after the second kennel was made, until they were contacted by Derek Kinzer ('13). Derek, another alum of Taylor, played baseball with Brody while at Taylor.

Having been old friends with Brody, and working in marketing, Derek reached out to the Rathmans about creating a website and marketing their kennels.

"He asked if we needed any help, as he worked in advertising in Arizona," Bethany recalled, "(and)... he ended up making the website, (bbkustomkennels.com), for us in 10 days."

By August, they had sold 20 kennels, and realized they needed more help. Bethany prayed about who to hire. As prior Taylor athletes, it is coincidental their first four employees were also Taylor student-athlete alumni. Although this was a coincidence at first, "we look for and want to hire Taylor graduates because we know where they're coming from, and they know the culture," Bethany said. "It's cool to have that connection with any Taylor alum, even if

you are just running into a stranger (who) has Taylor gear on."

Since January, B&B Kustom Kennels has sold 550 kennels and has acquired \$650,000 in sales, with the numbers on a continual rise. "We are averaging about two orders per day, causing our orders to back up," Bethany said. "The current wait to receive a kennel is about eight months."

According to Derek Kinzer, "Over 300 families are now proud owners of their very own 'Doggie Den,'" and Kustom Kennels has 600,000 fans on Facebook.

In addition, the Rathmans have a feature lined up on HGTV in November and a new retail partner in Daymond John from the television show "Shark Tank." As Brody and

Bethany continue to expand their business, they will soon be selling their house and moving Kustom Kennels into a 2,000 square foot warehouse on Bethany's parents' property.

"My friends and family have been so supportive through the whole process," Bethany said. "In the beginning, my mom would bring dinner over and my dad would help my husband, and now they're letting us build on their property because they believe we are going to be successful."

For those currently pursuing a degree in college, Bethany acknowledges she began as a public relations major, switched to physical education and ended up co-founding a business she never dreamed of having.

"Finish your major. The experience of pursuing a degree teaches time management, responsibility, good habits and communication skills, and this is what will carry you in life," she encouraged. "You never know what God has planned for you."

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One of the homemade dog kennels created by B&B Kustom Kennels.

Photograph provided by Bethany Rathman



Photograph provided by Bethany Rathman

As former Taylor athletes, Brody and Bethany Rathman hired four other former Taylor athletes for their new business.

Love the Brotherhood

The floor, the myth, the legend

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There are many things that probably come to mind when hearing the word Broho. Most of those thoughts have to do with the crazy pranks and unique traditions of the floor. While Broho is a fun, rambunctious place, there is more to the Brotherhood than what campus often thinks.

Some of the floor’s traditions are a secret, but there are many that are well known. Most of these stem from the Triumvirate. “The Triumvirate is the public face of a private enterprise,” junior PA Noah Nemni said. The Triumvirate consists of three roles: the Pope, the Phubs and the Snake.

Right now, the role of the Pope is held by Caleb Mackintosh. The Pope—or McPope, for Macintosh—is a two-year role, and he is responsible for making sure all of the traditions happen. He is also the “atoner to campus,” asking for forgiveness for the sins of the Brotherhood. At the beginning of the year, letters were posted around campus with a forewarning and an apology for whatever the floor would do this year.

Current Phugbs, sophomore Caleb Harlan, is the ninth man to hold this position. “The first Phubs was named because he just looked like a Phubs,” Harlan said. “The third ‘B’ is who really made (the role) what it is today,”

For Harlan, the name is spelled either with nine Bs or Phugbs with the number and capital B. The role of Phubs is to be the maker of mischief, King of Samuel Morris Hall and chief includer. The Phubs has a lot of



The men of Broho have biannual photoshoots: one in the fall and one in the spring.

Photograph by Elyse Horb

flexibility in the role, as each Phubs is able to make the role what they want it to be. “It’s kind of cool because everyone knows me, so it opens up a door for me to meet other people,” Harlan said.

The role of Snake is currently held by freshman Jason Hiegel. The Snake is named as a freshman and is a four-year role. They are celebrated by the floor with frequent chants. “We chose the current one because of his leadership attributes,” Harlan said. Hiegel also has a very solid sleep schedule, going to bed at 9:30 p.m. every night, which is very snake-like according to the other two members of the Triumvirate.

These three are not the only ones on Broho with nicknames. The upperclassmen carefully select each freshman’s nickname, which are tailored to each resident’s personality. “Your nickname on Broho is a badge of honor,” Macintosh said. A great way to start a conversation with guys from Broho is to ask what the story behind their name is.

Broho is probably best known for their activities, from pranks to elaborate floor dinners. One of the best known traditions is “Skipping the Loop,” where the men on the floor go to each of the women’s dorms and sing. This is their way of introducing the freshman to campus and the time they announce the new roles. Another favorite is Wengatz Appreciation Day. This tradition stems from when Samuel Morris was considered the old dorm and Wengatz was new and nice. Dorm conditions have evened out since those days, so Broho dress up in typical early-2000s men’s fashion. Another noticeable Broho tradition is “call outs.” One guy can call out another if they have “beef,” or a lighthearted arguments, with one another. They will go behind the DC and wrestle. “Call outs” usually occur during dinner.

The Brotherhood is much more than fun and games. The men take time every Tuesday night to have BroChurch, at which they hear a message from someone around

campus or a testimony from one of the guys on the floor. They also bring in panels to learn more about topics or events such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day or Sexuality and the Body week.

“Campus doesn’t realize how much they reinforce our stereotype,” Nemni said. Broho members feel like people want Broho to be crazy and wild. Harlan wishes campus would realize that guys on Broho are people too. The men of Broho make mistakes and want people to understand they need grace. People are quick to judge them because of their reputation.

The foundation of Broho is “love the Brotherhood,” based on 1 Peter 2:17, which says, “Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.” The goal of Brotherhood is to love others.

This year, the floor’s theme is “Home.” The floor is meant to be a home base for these men. They should engage in the Taylor community while knowing that the floor is their safe place where they are able to speak and be loved.

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TRADITIONS

weekly:

Mashed Potato Monday

monthly:

Floor Dinner

fall:

Brotherthird Parade
Skipping the Loop
Zombie Apocalypse &
Christmas open houses

spring:

Freshmen Drink Challenge
Flash mob Floor Dinner

Graphic illustrated by Jeanine Aupperle

Open House Showdown Scores

Gabby Carlson
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Techno? Tech yes

If you were looking for somewhere to sweat on other people before fall break, Second West Wengatz was the place to be

Detergent-splattered walls and black lights were the two most prominent decorations on Second West Wengatz last Wednesday night. When 7 p.m. struck, music began blaring from the end of the hallway and people poured into the lounge wearing shorts and tank tops, despite the rain outside. Techno music and pop songs alike played as other people’s sweat and glowing detergent saturated the clothes of everyone in the room. The lack of structure and finesse actually improved the quality of this open house.

Decorations

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Originality

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Wing/Floor Involvement

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Overall Experience

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Future Great Dads of America

If you think your dad is embarrassing, you should see the dads on Third East Wengatz

Hug dad greeted me first. Passive aggressive dad, Baghdad, vacation dad, sugar daddy and so many more dads roamed the hallway, asking for attention, as all dads do. Pushover and pancake dad manned the pancake griddles, and too afraid to give “the talk” dad and “the talk” dad tag-teamed that dreaded conversation in a packed room at the end of the hall. To say the least, the open house impressed me. The Future Great Dads of America open house has always been a highlight on Third East Wengatz, and this year was no exception.

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Grandmas take on Second Gerig

The open house made of pumpkin spice and everything nice

Twinkling lights and tapestries adorned the walls of Second Gerig Wednesday night as at least 20 grandmas roamed the halls. An assortment of purse-bottom candies and chocolate chip cookies were displayed and devoured. Grandma took plenty of pictures to hang on her fridge, and a whiff of pumpkin spice hung in the air. More pumpkin spice would’ve been appreciated, since that was the biggest part of the advertisement, but it felt, smelled and looked like a larger dose of “nice” to balance the lack of pumpkin spice.

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(Scores are out of 5)

"Explore Upland, the town we live so close to but never experience because we're always driving a half an hour to get somewhere 'better.'"

Break loose

Spook's corner

The legends of Hoggy Miller's place

Braden Ochs
Staff Writer

Headlights flood the winding country road of South 825 E Street as you drive out of Upland, searching for something to do. Suddenly, the road curves across the rickety old bridge. You slow the car down to get a glimpse of the mystery that lies underneath. As the car coasts, your headlights flicker and die; darkness drapes over you like a blanket. Sputtering, your car slows to a stop. You yank the door open as you hope to push the car off the wretched bridge, but it's too late. Childrens' screams echo across the surface of the Mississinewa River. You cry out in horror as the world you know vanishes.

According to Upland legend, the iron bridge is haunted. Long ago, a bus full of children drove off the bridge into the river and most of the passengers died. The old bus was spray painted "Helter Skelter," and it is rumored that kids would throw glass bottles into it to see if they could disturb the old children



Photograph by Naomi Page

Legend says a school bus crashed into the Mississinewa River.

spirits. If you drive out to the old iron bridge in the middle of the night and slow your car down to cross, there are claims that your car will shut off. The only way to start it again is to push it across the bridge. As you do that, however, screams of dying children rise from the river.

This legend, along with many others, are associated with the property formerly owned by Carl "Hoggy" Miller. Miller raised pigs on his 80 acres of land, where he let them run wild. It became affectionately known to the locals as "Pigland." Ed Meadors, who now owns 25 acres of Miller's old land, spoke on what he knew of Miller:

"I've never actually met the man, except maybe at the local gas station," Meadors said. "According to people who actually knew him, he was a good-hearted guy, but he was very unkempt, very contrary to social taboos and mores."

Because of how eccentric Miller was, locals told many different stories about "Pigland." Until four or five years ago, heaps of junk lay around the property, adding to its wonder and fear. According to Meadors, Miller was even considered a mythical figure for a while because of all the stories that came out of "Pigland." It is speculated that Upland locals would go out to the bridge and scare each other with stories about spirits that may have dwelled in the old tractors and junk. Another legend was told about a girl being murdered there.

After it was cleaned up, the land has become a place of beauty, according to Meadors. The property has gained a new image and a second chance. The ghost stories are still fun to tell, though many of them have been forgotten. But, when living in a small town like Upland, there is always room for new stories and new adventures. Carl Miller lived out his adventure in a way we didn't understand. But because of his quirks and lifestyle, Upland gained many stories to tell.

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This is an installment of the weekly column by the Office of the Student Body President.

Break loose

Ordinary can be so easy; being extraordinary takes a little bit more

Adam Wright
Student Body Vice President

Two years ago, I made a crazy decision. It was the end of the fall semester, and one of my best friends looked at me and said we should drive somewhere. Confused, I asked him what on earth he meant; for one thing I had a final the next day, and for another it was already 8 p.m. Where did he want to go? Wal-Mart? No, he meant a road trip with no destination. My other friend agreed, and about a half an hour later, I found myself in the front seat of a car, class notes in hand, driving down the highway with two of my best friends and indefinite road ahead. I will remember what happened that night for the rest of my life.

In a poem I think stands on the verge of becoming a platitude for our generation, Robert Frost once wrote, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." While there is wisdom in this, it is much better to experience the road less traveled by first-hand than to simply acknowledge it from a distance.

Too many of us get caught up at Taylor in rote lifestyles, myself included. We wake up, go to class, eat, study, grab a drink at Starbucks, hang out at an open house, sleep, repeat. But I encourage you to break the trend. Our time in college is so limited, and I am personally finding

myself in the middle of my fourth and final year of it, wondering, like everyone else, where the time has gone. Don't let it go to waste.

And I know, that must sound horrendously millennial of me; "Don't let your time go to waste," "You only live once," etc. But I mean it from the depths of my heart. Most of the greatest memories I have from living on this campus have come from ridiculous decisions made at 2 a.m. in my dorm room. They have come from crazy ideas that sounded illogical and fictional, but instead of laughing them off, I acted.

Now, I'm not telling you to go on a road trip during finals, but if really you want to take that road trip you've been dreaming of, take it (here's a tip: have your things packed and in hand when you wake your friend up for it in the middle of the night; they will be much more likely to say yes). When you want to study, go to that random diner a couple towns away that you found on Google a few minutes ago. Explore Upland, the town we live so close to but never experience because we're always driving a half an hour to get somewhere "better." When you're walking across campus, step off the sidewalks, take a different path. I can personally promise you those experiences are worthwhile—they will make all the difference.

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#TaylorU's TOP TWEETS

Olivia Miller @OlivvaaaMillerr
Rest in peace Bergwall bathrooms 1989-2017 #tayloru

Evan Miyakawa @evanmiya
Dr. Diller interrupted his class to talk to me about his intramural soccer game as I was walking by. That's a true man. #dedicated #tayloru

Briley Spencer @brileyjspencer
Glad that Victoria Secrets Pink clothing is blocked because that is insanely inappropriate at a Christian school. #tayloru

sophie hrinofkfbwqzv @herNOwitch
Fall break is great because we get to meet everyone's pets via snapchat #tayloru

Sarah Tucker @sctucker11
I've never appreciated a shower more #technonight #tayloru

Ashlyn Mortensen @AMortensen14
I play this game at work called "how many people will I see trip up the library stairs and try to play it cool" #YouAintFoolinNoOne #tayloru

marissa @marissa_gabel_
ive never felt bad for skipping a class until Lowell Haines waved to me while I was walking away from my class #tayloru

Jason Hiegel @Hiegel_Eagle
CINDY KNOWS MY NAME #blessed #tayloru

Peyton Nill @peytonnill
Even my mom and dad agree we should write-in Mary Lou instead of all the other candidates on the ballot. #MaryLouforPOTUS #tayloru

The bi-weekly bachelor and bachelorette



Photograph provided by friend of Ben Davis

Ben "Shark Fin" Davis is one of the funniest, most outgoing, and kindest guys at Taylor! He never fails to bring joy to the people he is around. Not to mention, he is a beast on the football field!



Photograph provided by friend of Seven Wieland

"My name might be Seven, but I'm a 10/10."

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Films scarier than a Monday

A film major's list of movies that will keep you at the edge of your seat

Patrick Linehan
Contributor

Halloween's on a Monday this year, and if the simple fact that the best holiday is on the worst day of the week doesn't scare you, then maybe these movies will help get you into the spirit!

"Alien" (Rated R)

Alien is a gem. The director, Ridley Scott, captured the intensity of the plot incredibly well. You're instantly attached to the group of characters in this 1979 film. The moral dilemmas will leave you wondering what you would do in the situation, and the antagonist is terrifying. Sure, you've probably seen a picture of the Xenomorph, but nothing will ever prepare you for your first full-bodied encounter with the beast in the film. My favorite part about "Alien," though, is how Ridley Scott gave you, as the viewer, information and glimpses before he did the characters. If you watch this movie with friends (horror is best enjoyed in a group), you will all be screaming at the TV, warning characters of danger and saying "I told you so."

"The Babadook" (Not Rated)

"The Babadook" currently holds the No. 7 slot of my top 10 all-time favorite movies. This Australian film

is available on Netflix, so you have absolutely no reason not to watch it. "The Babadook's" strengths lie in it's continuously ominous and eerie feeling as well as its symbolism. Be ready to do a bit more thinking rather than just hiding behind your blankets and friends; "The Babadook" puts you in the middle of the action. Unlike a lot of horror films, the character development and the viewer's bond with the protagonist drive the story. Multiple instances place you in Amelia's, the main character, shoes with either a point-of-view or an over-the-shoulder shot. I don't want to give away too much, but if you watch this film, I would beg you to pay attention to subtleties and start forming your own ideas about what's happening. A great deal of this film is open to interpretation.

"Silence of the Lambs" (Rated R)

In all of cinema and all of literature, I'm not sure if I can think of a better villain than Dr. Hannibal Lecter. He's not even the primary antagonist of the story. "Silence of the Lambs" is an excellent bargain sale of two incredible villains for the price of one. While it may have a few themes that are a little more dark than others stated here, it's a phenomenal movie where the acting shines. Jodie Foster plays the perfectly innocent FBI Academy student who gets into something

way over her head. Her portrayal of the character is simply amazing; in fact, it earned her character the No. 6 slot in the American Film Institute (AFI)'s greatest protagonists of all time. If that's not enough evidence that the acting in this film is stellar, Sir Anthony Hopkins won the No. 1 slot in AFI's top villains list for his portrayal of Hannibal Lecter. I was skeptical of this film for a long time, but after finally seeing it, it quickly became one of my favorites.

"Hush" (Rated R)

If you fear someone invading your home, don't watch this film. The home invasion is terrifyingly real. I was ready to watch "Hush" knowing that I was going to walk away thinking it was either complete garbage or it was utterly brilliant. Utterly brilliant is not high enough praise. "Hush" is the story of a deaf woman who lives alone and someone, who can only be described as a psychopath, targets her house. He doesn't want to steal from her. He doesn't have any sort of vendetta against her. He just wants to kill for kicks and giggles. The movie quickly descends into what can only be described as a macabre game of cat and mouse: an R-rated "Tom & Jerry." The movie can be slightly predictable, but that still won't stop you from gripping the edge of your seat.

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Photograph by Hannah Boldt

On Sept. 30, Draper hosted a book release and signing at Taylor University.

Holy information!

Student reviews professor's theology book packed with theories on racial reconciliation

Rebecca A. Schriener
Online Editor

Who has more to say about racial reconciliation than a pastor serving in an urban community? Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology Andrew Draper published his book on the subject of race in late August 2016.

"A Theology of Race and Place" begins with studies surrounding racial tension, such as the Trayvon Martin case. He also brings his personal experiences of black and white relationships into the conversation. Draper sees the radical schism in the minds of his community members.

"Within rhetoric of ethics and beauty, the racial imagination has tended to align both criminality and immorality with blackness while aligning guardianship and goodness with whiteness," Draper says on page nine of his book.

He identifies that this thought process may be a subconscious imprint left from the days of colonial slavery, but also that we need to reconcile those racist thoughts within ourselves and the Church because the effects have been devastating.

"Since Christian self-identity in the

modern world tends to function within the trope of race, skin color is the assumed index of the distance one has had to travel to be grafted into the narrative of salvation," Draper says on page 270.

Although the introduction and conclusion provide great insight and stir awareness within any reader, this book may be difficult for the average reader to understand—unless they have a theological background. The bulk of this book is a dense, academic study of racial reconciliation. Throughout the book, Draper evaluates the claims of theologians J. Kameron Carter and Willie James Jennings along with others. The information provided explains many theories about how we should seek truth as "architects of whiteness," brothers and sisters in Christ, created beings and more.

Draper does a phenomenal job documenting the external sources and providing extensive footnotes to clarify concepts. He also recommends more theology books focused on racial reconciliation.

In his conclusion, Draper includes his view of how racial reconciliation should play out. He says it should be like people of all races are guests in each other's houses. "If Christ is the New Human who inaugurates a new way of being in the world for all peoples (a new theological anthropology) how can the Incarnation be embodied in anything other than a joined life?" Draper says on page 312.

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THE SCARE FACTOR

"Alien"



"The Babadook"



"Silence of the Lambs"



"Hush"



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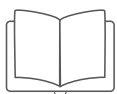
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Gaslights and movie nights

TSO creates film series

Laura Koenig
A&E Editor

Taylor students and community members enjoy cozy weekend movie nights with new releases. The Taylor Student Organization (TSO) created the Gaslight Film Series with movies ranging from blockbusters such as "Finding Dory" to acclaimed independent films such as "Midnight Special." The series will continue on select weekends during the fall semester and in the spring.

After the completion of the Cornwall Auditorium in the LaRita Boren Campus Center, Steve Austin, associate dean for student leadership and director of student programs, started dreaming about how to use the space to benefit Taylor students and the surrounding community. This brainstorming produced the Gaslight Film Series.

This summer, the first movie showed to Taylor's faculty, staff and community was "Zootopia." Around 420 people attended, giving Austin a starting place for the rest of the film series.

During the first half of the semester, Gaslight featured "Finding Dory," "Star Trek Beyond" and "Midnight Special." The second half of the semester will showcase "Southside with You" and "Kubo and the Two Strings." "We wanted to incorporate blockbusters and independent films that we

feel like need to see the light of day or (we) want to expose students to," Austin said. "We didn't want the film series to be just one or the other but both and."

TSO built Gaslight around Taylor's Integration of Faith and Culture (IFC)'s established film series. IFC will sponsor "The Fits," Nom Noms & Nom Noms, and other independent and award-nominated films.

Austin chose movies that were post-theater but pre-DVD or Netflix release.

Junior Lilly Burton sells tickets for the series on the day of the movie and picks up after the event. Though she hasn't watched the movies, she enjoys the idea of showing the movies before they are released on DVD.

"I hope that the Taylor community can be able to see a variety of movies that they wouldn't normally watch, and it is much cheaper than going to the movie theater," Burton said.

Each movie attracts a different number of people, from 13 to approximately 150 people.

Senior Katie Schantz saw "Finding Dory" with her boyfriend for a cheap date night.

"It was a movie I'd been wanting to see, and it was nice that we didn't have to go all the way to Marion or Muncie," Schantz said. "I hope they continue bringing in good movies because I enjoyed it a lot."

After the spring semester, Austin will perform an overall program

evaluation to help planning for the next school year.

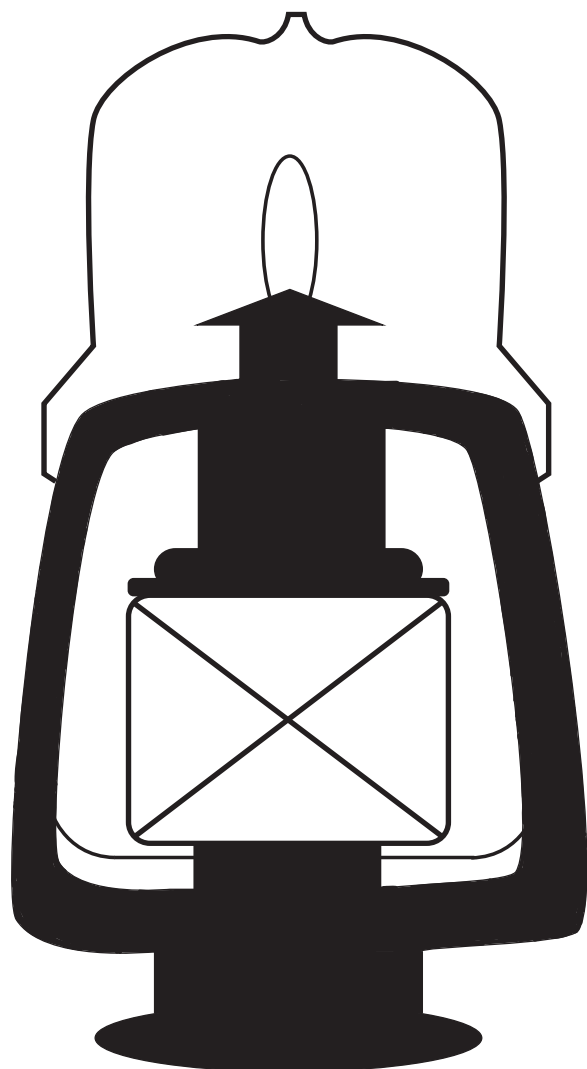
He hopes that students will see this as an exciting option for their weekend instead of watching Netflix in their apartment or residence hall room.

"A community watching experience is really valuable because of community discernment and having

something to talk about afterward," Austin said. "Hopefully (the) Gaslight Film Series is encouraging community film-watching and even film-watching in general."

The next film in the series will be "Southside with You" on Friday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov. 5 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2.

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TSO chooses a mix of blockbusters and independent films for the Gaslight Film Series.

Dear students

Remember to FROG

Cindy McWhirt
Contributor

Dear Taylor Students,

Before I came to Taylor, I had several dead-end jobs. At one point I worked in the newly built Pendleton prison where I applied and was hired as a corrections officer for male inmates. That job required me to go through a lot of training for weapons and self-protection classes. I stayed there for five years but felt it was not a good fit for me because I always had to watch my back. The only thing I got out of it was my best friend, Patty. She had my back because we both had God in our hearts.

A friend told me about Taylor, and I got a job as a cook at the Dining Commons in 1994 and held that position until 2000. I then transferred to the Grille for eight years. My boss, Penny, got promoted to administration assistant and needed a cashier because hers was retiring. So she asked me, and, of course, I said yes. Back to the DC I went. One of the ladies who worked there, Barb Benedict, was known for memorizing

every student's name before Thanksgiving, which meant I had some big shoes to fill. What I wouldn't give to have a photographic memory! I would love to know all the students by name. I've found the secret to learning your names is for you to introduce yourselves to me or to be in trouble.

I have the best job on campus because I get to interact daily with the kids. Many of you have become lifelong friends. I've had the privilege of doing two Airbands. I've even been in some short movies with my "son," Cam Glass (my maiden name was Glass). I have been in a commercial and in discussion groups. I really enjoy seeing all of you students outside of the DC.

I also wear another hat around campus: concessions for athletic events. I've run this for three years. The sports include softball, baseball, soccer, football, basketball, volleyball and Special Olympics. Here's a perk of running the concession stands: during the three years I've worked there, I have accumulated three concession stands for my family. One of these is a 1978 Pepsi trailer that my boss bought from Pepsi for a dollar. Over this summer, my husband David, my sidekick Erica Kieffer and I renovated it with a new paint job, new lights and wood floors. Penny helped do the vinyl lettering. We are excited to use it for outdoor games.

I love the fact that my boss, Matt



There's a lot of love greeting students at the Dining Commons.

Photo by Hannah Boldt

Riley, lets me get creative and backs me on my projects. One neat idea of mine is for two high school concession workers to go through the stands during football games with decorative boxes to sell popcorn.

I know some of you must wonder why my desk is full of frogs. I use them as my testimony. I try to encourage the staff and students to always FROG: Fully Rely On God. I also try to live my life doing just that.

I'm very fortunate to work at graduation selling treats and drinks

because I get to see all you graduates as you walk into the gym. I'm always a mess that day because I cry like a baby.

When students first come to Taylor, you look so young and lost. When you leave, you're all grown up and ready to conquer the world. Many students seek me out before they go. I feel so blessed to have been able to touch your lives, even in a small way.

Taylor has grown so much, and I don't always adjust well to change. But change can be good too. As you

move through Taylor and into the outside world, remember to FROG. That is true whether you're working a dead-end job, working at a jail or running concessions at a college sports event!

In conclusion, thank you, students, for keeping me young. I love you! I am so blessed to serve you.

XOXO,
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Pro-life conservatives have a new candidate

Evan McMullin is the man for the job

Amy Peterson
Faculty Contributor

With the presidential election 10 days away, many Christian conservatives feel caught between a rock and a hard place. The Republican nominee, Donald Trump, is a less-than-ideal choice, lacking character, integrity and experience. As Andy Crouch wrote for Christianity Today recently, Trump exemplifies those things that Paul urged Colossians to avoid: "sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry" (Colossians 3:5). And Trump is proudly unrepentant.

Trump has called Mexicans "rapists," aligned himself with white supremacists, implied that his supporters ought to shoot Hillary Clinton and promised to lock her up when he's elected—a common enough practice in dictatorships, but not democracies. He has mocked the disabled and war veterans, called for a total shutdown of Muslims entering the United States, encouraged his fans to practice voter

intimidation on Election Day, repeatedly used misogynist language and bragged about assaulting women.

Despite all this, some Christians feel compelled to vote for Mr. Trump based on his promise to nominate conservative Supreme Court Justices who might overturn Roe v. Wade. I sympathize with their desire to protect the unborn. But nothing about Trump's character or behavior indicates that he is a man of integrity who will keep those promises. To vote for Trump is to marry the pro-life fate to a man who embodies a pornographic and sexually permissive culture.

So are pro-life conservatives just out of luck in this election? If you're unhappy with Trump and Clinton, what other choices do you have?

Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson may be an attractive option. Polling third in many states, Johnson supports small government, the Constitution and free trade. Though he is pro-choice, he likely would not interfere with state's rights to restrict abortion. Johnson certainly lacks foreign policy experience. Still, in a year with limited options for conservatives, he may be one of the best.

And voting for a third-party candidate doesn't equal throwing away your vote. Voting for a third party candidate can have long-term benefits even if he or she doesn't win the presidency: winning 5 percent of the popular vote would give a third party access to equal federal funding in the next election.

There's one other independent candidate who has seen a surge of support over the last three months. Many conservatives unwilling to support Trump have shifted their support to Evan McMullin. Born in Utah, McMullin has a degree in International Law and Diplomacy from Brigham Young University and an MBA from The Wharton School. He has worked for the UN, spent a decade as a CIA operative and worked in investment banking.

In 2013, McMullin joined the House Committee on Foreign Affairs as a senior advisor and later became the chief policy director of the House Republican Conference. When he announced his candidacy in August, he argued that "It's never too late to do the right thing." His platform is pro-life and recalls Bush-era conservatism.

It's even possible—though

unlikely—McMullin could win the election. He's currently polling close to Clinton and Trump in Utah. If he won Utah's six electoral votes, that could be enough to block any candidate from winning the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency (find more details at FiveThirtyEight.com). In that case, the decision would be thrown to Congress.

We often talk about voting for the lesser of two evils. But the truth is that we have more than two choices in this election, and every one of them, like every human, is flawed. As Election Day approaches, and the choices and the rhetoric threaten to leave us throwing up our hands in despair, here's what we can do:

We can be civically active and locally engaged. We can educate ourselves. We can pray. We can remember that cultural change is a long game and rest in the truth that our first allegiance is to a different Kingdom. Then we can vote as our consciences and the Holy Spirit lead.

Whatever the results of this election, we have a lot of work to do fighting corruption in our political systems and in our own hearts. Let's get to it.

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From me to you

What a campus handyman wants students to know

Dave Carner
Contributor

I was recently asked "What do Taylor staff wish the students knew?" I had no hesitation in my first thought: it is a joy and honor to do my part on your behalf because of the young men and women you are. There is an opportunity here at Taylor unlike anywhere else to place Christ at the center of all you do and learn. This is evident in your lives. Your smiles and "thank you"s speak of your kindness and have a wonderful impact on my day. Some of you have gone so far as to write notes to me. Wow, thank you. God shows graciousness to me through you. Thank you for allowing him to do that.

It is a good day when I get to fix something—I really enjoy that. Sometimes I get to share in a conversation with you, which is also wonderful.

I do have a few frustrations in this job: whether you are messy or orderly by nature, cleanliness on your part makes my job easier. It is important you know I can't always correct a problem, because sometimes it involves something bigger and requires budgeting. Budgeting is an unfortunate part of life. Sometimes I am not skilled enough to fix a problem on my own, and someone else has to be scheduled to repair the problem. This helps keep my ego in check! It is my goal to keep the facilities I am responsible for functioning and looking nice. Thank you for your patience with me, as I have a lot to watch over.

One of my biggest frustrations in life is disrespect, where little or no care is given to how something might impact others or end up destroying property. All of us are subject to the fallen state of humanity. I have bad days too, but please keep in mind how your actions will affect those around you. I am also frustrated by my inability to remember your names: you



Carner has a fervor for fixing campus facilities and blessing students.

Photo by Naomi Page

deserve better, and I apologize for my shortcoming on that. How amazing is our God, who knows each one of us so personally, even to the minutest points like the hairs on our heads and the thoughts of our minds? I am in total awe.

Here are a few ways that you students can help my work. Please notify me of changes in sounds, appearances and functions of the facilities in your dorms or apartments. Quite often you will notice things long before I do. This allows me to address a problem before it becomes a real issue,

which typically makes it easier to fix. Please be moderate in your temperature settings on heating and cooling. Ask me if you're unsure how to change settings on thermostats, ovens, washer, dryer, etc. It's a pleasure for me to help you learn about this part of your new college independence.

Keep modeling Christ in all that you do. When you fail—and you will—get up and go after it again. Grace is the greatest gift, whether given or received. I will say it again: you make my job so enjoyable. Thank you!

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Taylor basketball ready to roll

Men's and women's basketball teams prepare for 2016–17 season

Kayla Springer
Staff Writer

It is an exciting year for Trojan basketball, as both teams gear up for what look to be equally promising seasons. With rosters full of dedicated veterans and eager newcomers, coaches and players alike are optimistic about the success that this season will bring.

Women's basketball
The women's team is coming off of a winning 16–15 season during the 2015–16 campaign, including an impressive 62–51 win over No. 25 Saint Thomas. This year poses another competitive schedule, as the team faces a number of ranked teams as well as those receiving votes in the NAIA national poll, including a big matchup against No. 1 Marian in January.

Returners for the women include senior Monica Compton, juniors Josie Cobb, Sierra Wilson and Cassidy Wyse and sophomores BreAnna Arnold, Kendall Bradbury, Lacey Garrett, Katrina Headlee and Aubrey Wright. The Trojans welcome a handful of freshmen: Abby Buchs, Becca Buchs, Sydney Huffman, Jamie Netzley and Haley Stratman.

Though the team exhibits a lot of youth, Bradbury commented that the team dynamic has been solid and the team is working on playing together as a unit. Following what she called a “growing season” last year, the group is hopeful to surprise a lot of people, specifically with the team's depth and newfound strengths.

Bradbury was named to the Preseason All-Crossroads League First Team, joining Wyse, who was named to the Preseason All-Crossroads League Second Team. Other NAIA coaches voted for the Trojans in the NAIA Women's Basketball Preseason Top-25 Poll.

This was the first time the Trojans appeared on a national poll since the 2012–13 season.

In the midst of these accolades, head coach Kelly Packard

is focused on cultivating a healthy team environment.

“The major focus has been maintaining and protecting our culture on a daily basis,” Packard said.

Packard said this also involves daily accountability and truth. At this point, Packard sees the team's

biggest strengths as their transition game and personnel versatility. The group will look to the agility and shooting range of their power forwards to add a large variety of offensive strategy.

Men's basketball
The men's team hopes to rebound from a 14–17 record in the 2015–16 season, in which the team knocked off No. 5 Bethel by a score of 84–79. The team will have a difficult schedule this season, including No. 3 Davenport in just two weeks.

Returners for the men include seniors Eric Cellier and Lane Vander Hulst, juniors Vivian Aiken, Tim Fleming, Keaton Hendricks, Joe Ingersoll and Graham Ortmann and sophomores Evan Crowe and Jake Heggeland. Newcomers include sophomore transfer Christian Allen and freshmen Emmanuel Boateng, Mason Degenkolb, Jordan Foster, Pat McNamara and Ryan Robinson.

Hendricks is excited about the current team dynamic. “Each guy on the team has a team mentality and genuine care for each player. It's been a fun group to be a part of so far,” Hendricks said.

Hendricks was a selection for the Preseason All-Crossroads League Third Team, while Degenkolb was selected to the Crossroads League Preseason All-Freshmen Team, made up of just five players.

Head coach Josh Andrews commented on what he believes to be process-driven group that seeks to grow daily. In addition to “winning today,” as Andrews puts it, the greatest focus currently is to have team unity throughout a versatile roster. The squad expects to be an elite shooting team this season as well as have



Junior Keaton Hendricks and sophomore Kendall Bradbury hope to lead the Trojans to successful seasons in 2016–17.

Photograph by Fayth Glock

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10/29 Miami – Hamilton 3 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER
10/29 Bethel (A) 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
10/28 Campbellsville (N) 4 p.m.
10/28 Lourdes (N) 7 p.m.
10/29 Georgetown (A) 10 a.m.
10/29 Columbia (N) 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
10/29 Northwestern Ohio 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
10/29 Saint Francis 5 p.m.

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great ball movement and floor spacing. Creating exceptional team chemistry and work ethic will help take this competitive team to the next level.

“Each guy on the team has a team mentality and genuine care for each player. It's been a fun group to be a part of so far.”

Both teams will tip off for the first time at home this weekend, as the men take on Great Lakes Christian tonight at 7 p.m. and the women take on Northwestern Ohio tomorrow at 1 p.m.

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Trojans axe Huntington to clinch playoff berth

Men's soccer headed to the Crossroads League tournament after big win

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The Taylor University men's soccer team earned the opportunity to make a run in the postseason. After finishing the season with a two-game win streak, the Trojans qualified for the Crossroads League Tournament.

Currently, the team has the eighth seed in the tournament. They will travel to play Bethel tomorrow, who is the number one seed. Earlier in the season, the Trojans lost 3–1 against the Pilots.

In the Trojans' final two regular season games, they first defeated Saint Francis on the road and then defeated Huntington at home. The Trojans outscored the teams in goals 12–1.

This season has brought some troubles for them, as two senior captains suffered major injuries. Additionally, in September, senior Andrew Luetkehans was diagnosed with cancer.

Despite the difficulties this season has brought, the team has rallied to make a postseason appearance. After the Indiana Wesleyan loss, the team had to make changes.

“We got the tar beaten out of us by Indiana Wesleyan, and it was fantastic. Probably the best thing that could've happened for us,” head coach Gary Ross said.

Ross commented the reason the loss was good for the team was because it forced them to get angry. They knew they could no longer be willing to put up with what they had been seeing.

“I kept telling our guys all along, you haven't reached the point where you're no longer willing to put up with what you're seeing,” Ross said.

Following that loss, the team had a heated debriefing. A couple of days later, the revitalized crew played Saint Francis.

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Ross noted the team made some significant mental and emotional changes to rebound from their dry spell.

“We've been doing the same things; all it is is mental engagement. People are now more mentally engaged then

they were at the beginning of the season,” senior captain Nathan West said.

The team made a conscious effort to hone in on their mental and emotional focus. West knows the group has to show up tomorrow and play well, but he feels that the team is highly confident and ready to play.

In preparation for tomorrow's game, the team decided to get some rest in as well.

“This week we've trained super light, a lot of the guys who anticipate getting a lot of minutes haven't done all that much besides rest and take care of their bodies,” junior Lewis Nisbet said.

The team watched several hours of film to prepare for the matchup with Bethel. Nisbet mentioned that the team has been paying close attention to the scouting report. Many players have looked over the thorough analysis of Bethel's system.

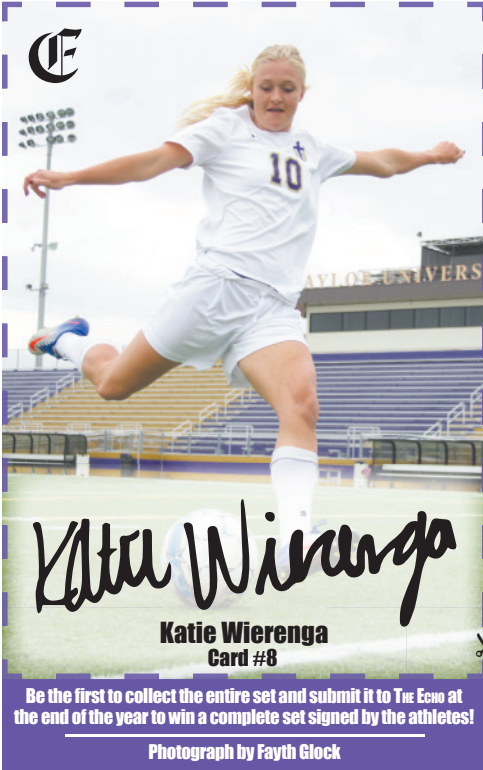
While this season for the Trojans has included tough times, the group feels confident going into the postseason. The game tomorrow will be held at Bethel College and will start at 7 p.m.

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Junior Gabe Saliba (17) and sophomore Jeremiah Rader (7) have led the charge for the Trojans late in the 2016 season.

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Athlete of the Week

Katie Wierenga

Year	Senior
Hometown	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Position	Defensive midfielder
Favorite quote	“Where were you when we were 8–8?” – Nikki Zaino
Funniest teammate	Brienna Kruit
Favorite pump up song	“You and Me” by Marc E. Bassy

Trojan Trivia

The men's basketball team won a program-best amount of how many games in the Crossroads League in the 2015–16 season?

A. 6 B. 4 C. 8 D. 10

Check back next week for the answer! Last week's answer: C. Men's cross country